Export of railway coaches

4681. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively planning to export rail coaches to various countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether, in a bid to export rail coaches, Government propose to enhance the production capacity of coaches or propose to set up more coach factories in the country; and

(d) the existing capacities of rail coach factories in the country and whether any foreign assistance has also been sought to expand their capacities; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Export of coaches is a thrust area of Indian Railways and efforts are being made to be competitive in the Global market. One of the measures taken in this regard is to adopt marginal costing for export of rolling stock, RITES and IRCON are in touch with Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nigeria for the export of coaches.

(c) No, Sir. Sufficient potential exists for manufacture of coaches for both domestic as well as export market.

(d) The existing capacity of railway coach factories in the country is about 2900 coaches per annum. No foreign assistance for expanding the production capacity of the coach manufacturing units has been sought.